

INTERNAL REVENUES

Annual Report of Commissioner Mason.

THE RECEIPTS OF THE BUREAU.

Over One Hundred and Forty-Six Million Dollars Received During the Past Year. Interesting Statistics on the Manufacture of Sugar.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The annual report of Internal Revenue Commissioner Mason for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1891, has just been made public. The report shows that the actual receipts of the bureau for the year were \$146,035,415. The commission estimates the receipts for the current fiscal year at \$150,000,000.

Receipts from taxes on spirits during the past fiscal year were \$83,835,963; from tobacco, and its manufactures, \$32,796,270; from fermented liquors, \$28,565,129; from oleomargarine, \$1,077,924; and from miscellaneous sources, \$260,127. The cost of collecting these revenues was \$4,210,604. During the past year 795 illicit stills were seized or removed.

The quantity of grain used in the production of spirits during the past year was 26,347,641 bushels, an increase of 1,144,720 over the amount used in the preceding year. The number of gallons of spirits produced from grain during the year was 114,178,077 gallons, an increase of 6,559,957 gallons over the product of the preceding year, and 28,624,713 gallons more than the average product, 85,553,364 gallons, for the last ten years.

During the year 1,784,312 gallons of rum were distilled from molasses, making the total product of spirits during the year 115,963,389.

The following table shows the stock on hand, production and movement of spirits during the past year:

	Gallons.	Gallons.
In warehouse beginning year.....	89,721,033	
Produced during year.....	115,963,389	
Total.....	205,684,422	
Withdrawn, tax paid during year.....	87,176,236	
Withdrawn for exportation.....	1,076,395	
Withdrawn for scientific purposes, leakage, etc.....	3,908,364	
Total withdrawn.....	92,161,035	

In warehouses June 30, 1891.....112,921,457
An inspection of the tables presented in Commissioner Mason's report shows that the quantity of spirits remaining in warehouse June 30, 1891, is the largest on hand at the close of any fiscal year. This stock on hand has grown from 61,000,000, in 1888, to 68,500,000, in 1889, to 89,700,000 in 1890, and finally to nearly 113,000,000 in 1891.

The commissioner reports that 730 persons in the United States intend to manufacture sugar from sugar cane during the present fiscal year, under the provisions of the bounty act which made the bounty payable on sugar produced on and after July 1, 1891. These producers estimate the production for the year at 572,106,880 pounds on about 220,000 acres of land. Beet sugar producers estimate a production of 29,210,000 pounds on 12,744 acres planted, and sorghum cane producers estimate a production of 2,500,000 pounds from 6,000 acres of cane. The commissioner estimates the production this year by licensed producers as follows:

	Pounds.
Cane sugar.....	465,000,000
Beet sugar.....	25,000,000
Sorghum.....	2,500,000
Maple sugar.....	10,000,000

Total estimated production.....592,500,000
His estimate of bounty to be paid during the year is as follows:

	Amount.
On cane sugar.....	\$3,912,500
On beet sugar.....	500,000
On sorghum sugar.....	40,000
On maple sugar.....	176,250

Total.....\$4,628,750

Commissioner Mason embodies in his report a great deal of interesting information in the way of statistics, respecting the production, consumption and sugar revenues in this and other countries. By these tables it is shown that the United States is a large consumer of sugar, the people using more per capita than those of any other country except England. The annual per capita consumption in the United States is 63 2-3 pounds, against 77 4-5 pounds in England. In the last fiscal year we imported 3,468,442,325 pounds of sugar, valued at \$106,661,431, and produced 512,361,530 or about one-eighth of the amount consumed. Of the amount imported 661,448,057 pounds were beet and 2,821,994,268, cane sugar.

The following table shows the amount more in duty of the sugar imported into this country during the past fiscal year:

	Pounds.
Free of duty, best.....	328,056,451
Free of duty, cane and other.....	1,008,986,104
Free of duty, Hawaiian.....	312,232,316
Dutiable, beet.....	335,937,240
Dutiable, cane and other.....	1,498,992,560
Dutiable, above No. 16 Dutch standard, beet.....	2,453,677
Dutiable, above No. 16 Dutch standard, cane.....	1,579,464
Dutiable, all other.....	183,968

Total pounds.....3,483,442,325
The total value of all this sugar was \$106,725,861. The value of cane sugar imported during the past year was \$18,318,260.

A table presented gives the following estimate of the sugar crop of some of the principal cane sugar growing countries of the world during the present year:

	Tons.
Cuba.....	800,000
Jamaica.....	400,000
United States.....	280,000
Pernambuco.....	150,000
Sandwich Islands.....	125,000
Mauritius.....	125,000
Demarara.....	115,000
British India.....	60,000

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Cleveland Suffers a Quarter of a Million Dollar Loss.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 16.—At 8 o'clock yesterday evening a disastrous fire broke out in the business center of this city. It originated in the Standard bottling works, and soon spread to surrounding blocks on Frankfort street between Bank and Water streets. The first call brought half a dozen engines. This was followed by a second and third call, and nearly all the available force of the fire department was summoned.

The flames spread rapidly, and attacked the large printing establishment of Short & Forman. A five-story block to the east of the structure to where the fire began was reached by the flames. It was filled with a number of small manufacturing establishments, and the grease and oil added fresh fuel to the blaze. It looked as though the entire corner was doomed, and the guests in the Johnson House and Wedell House began to move out with their effects.

A strong gale from the southwest drove the sparks for a long distance in immense clouds and all owners of business blocks within a radius of half a mile placed watchmen on the roofs. By good work the firemen succeeded in keeping the fire within its original bounds and it was extinguished after three blocks had been gutted.

When the fire first began the men of engine company No. 1 were ordered into the burning block. Without any warning an upper story suddenly fell in and Captain John Grady was cut off from his comrades and burned to death almost before their eyes. Fireman Ward who was with him was rescued with a broken leg. Fireman Howley was crushed internally by falling walls.

The total loss will amount to \$250,000. The loss on the real estate property is as follows:

Mrs. Bemis, five-story block, \$25,000.
First National bank, five-story block, \$10,000.

P. L. Johnson, \$300.
The following concerns lost these amounts:

Short & Forman, printers and lithographers, \$120,000, partially insured.
Cleveland Faucet company, \$50,000, partially insured.

James J. Graham, plumber, \$500.
James M. Serahn, liquors, \$2,500.
Lake Erie bottling works, \$2,000.
Tom Haley, saloon, \$1,200; no insurance.

Standard bottling works, \$3,000; insured.
Bloch Billiard Table company, \$1,600; insured.

S. L. Pierce & Company, boots and shoes, \$700.
American Brass company, \$500.
H. C. Overholt & Company, \$1,200.

The Perry-Payne block was considerably scorched as was also Mace's hotel.

SHOT TO KILL.

Salvation Army Cadet Shoots a Woman and Then Blows Her Own Head Off.

OMAHA, Nov. 16.—About 6 o'clock yesterday evening Cadet Clara Beadle, of the local corps of the Salvation Army, met Captain Hattie Smith, of Clinton, Ia., at the barracks and tried to open a conversation with her. The Smith woman is engaged to Lieutenant Berry, of Boone, Ia., and imagined that the Beadle woman was trying to steal him from her.

She refused to talk when the Beadle woman drew a revolver and shot Miss Smith through the right lung, firing three shots at her. The Smith woman ran a block before she fell, mortally wounded. Seeing that she had probably killed her rival, Cadet Beadle turned the revolver on herself, blowing out her own brains.

Miss Sprague, of Omaha, another Salvationist was so overcome by the sight that she became paralyzed and her death is expected.

Marshal Booth, of Paris, has been holding a series of hallelujah meetings here to which Miss Smith has come as a visitor. The incident did not stop the meeting which went right along after the police had removed the dead and dying.

IN MEMORY OF PARNELL.

Chauncey M. Depew Eulogizes the Great Irish Leader.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Services to the memory of Charles Stewart Parnell were held last night in the Academy of Music and Hon. Chauncey M. Depew was the eulogist. There was hardly a prominent Irishman in the city who was not present, but it was not only Parnell's own race that attended to do his memory honor and homage, as many Americans were scattered about among the vast audience. Delegations from the Polish societies of New York, were also in attendance, while Irish Americans from Philadelphia, Boston, New Haven, Bridgeport and other nearby cities paid tribute to their presence.

Perhaps the most prominent auditor of Mr. Depew's eulogy was Governor-elect McKinley, of Ohio. He was accompanied by his wife and occupied a box. In the auditorium could be seen many more persons whose names are notable in law, politics, literature and the pulpit. All the Irish and Gaelic societies were well represented in the audience.

Old Criminals Run In.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—The largest and most successful capture of a well organized gang of safe blowers, burglars and jail breakers known to the history of the police was made last night by detectives of the Desplaines street station. Thirteen men were arrested in the basement at the Gault House, corner of Clinton and West Madison streets, and this number was supplemented by the arrest of six more in a room at 96 West Jackson street. Two of the men arrested are wanted for breaking the St. Louis jail. They have operated in Peoria, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Milwaukee and other places.

Crushed Into a Mass.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—James Charleston, a terra-cotta worker, fell nineteen stories, from the top of the Masonic temple building, at State and Randolph streets, shortly before noon Saturday, and was crushed into an unrecognizable mass of flesh. He was leaning against a light timber, which broke in two, precipitating him to the ground floor below.

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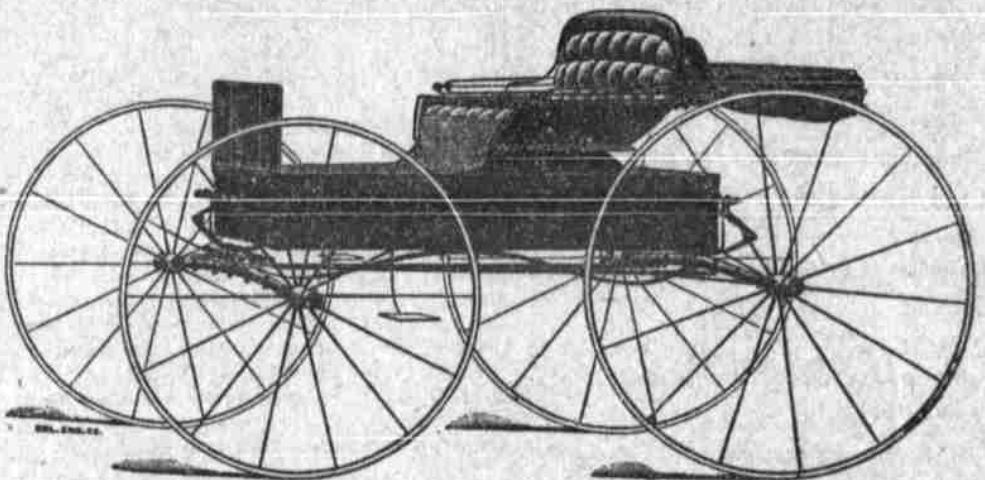
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